



EVENTS IN FERRARA

JANUARY 2024

Ferrara's Winter Park

Parco Coletta

10.30 a.m. – Midnight

Just a reminder that Ferrara's Winter Park with fairground attractions, an ice rink and refreshments is open until 31st January.

Ferrara's Christmas Market

Piazza Trento Trieste

Ferrara's Christmas market remains open until 7th January.

New Year's Eve around the Castle

31st December, starting at around 10 p.m. with a DJ

The party begins at the Castle at 10 p.m. with a DJ followed by hits from the 90s from 11 p.m. onwards until the impressive firework display begins spot on midnight.

The Arrival of Befana

6th January

Piazza Municipale, from 3.30 p.m.

On Saturday 6th January there will be dancing and entertainment for children to celebrate the arrival of 'Befana'. For those of you who do not know, Befana is a kind, old witch who, on the night of the 5th January while the Italian children are sleeping, arrives on a broomstick and leaves a stocking full of sweets for them to open in the morning of the 6th.



Legend has it that children who have not been good during this festive period receive a piece of black coal in their stocking instead! Lots of Italian villages celebrate the arrival of Befana who is often found climbing down a clock tower! She will arrive in Ferrara between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. and hand out stockings to all the children in Piazza Municipale. At 6 p.m. following tradition, an enormous Befana doll will be put on a bonfire in Piazza Trento Trieste and burnt to get rid of horrible thoughts and to end the old year,

Venice holds a race whereby 50 men dress up as Befana and row down the Grand Canal to the Rialto Bridge. The winner is the first one to reach the enormous stocking which is hanging from the bridge. If you would like to see it in person the actual race starts at 11 a.m. although there are other events which precede the regatta which are interesting too.

Casa Niccolini – Children’s Library

Via Romiti, 13

Storie nella Calza della Befana! / ‘Stories from Befana’s Stocking!’

4th January at 5 p.m.

Lots of magical stories to listen to together followed by a fun arts and crafts workshop.

Suitable for children aged 4-10

This event is free but you must fill in the online form if you would like to participate as places are limited: <https://bit.ly/storienellacalza>

‘E’ Atterrata un’anatra sul tetto di Casa Niccolini’

Saturday 13th January at 10.30 a.m.

A book presentation ‘Ginevra e l’anatra sul tetto’ (Ginevra and the Duck on the Roof) by Emanuela Di Marino, followed by an interesting workshop using the A.A.C. symbols – an alternative method used to help children to communicate.

Suitable for children aged 4 -10

This event is free (no need to book)

‘Testaperaria’ - Children’s Book Shop

‘Di Calze, di Dolci e di Voli Notturni...’ - A Befana-themed workshop full of black coal!

Friday 5th January at 5.30 p.m.

Cost: €7,50

Duration: 1 hour

To Book: 0532-202823 or email: info@testaperaria.it



What's on at Teatro Nuovo?

Piazza Trento Trieste

Monday 8th January at 9 p.m. Swan Lake – Romanian Ballet

12th January at 9 p.m. SYMPHONIKA on the Rock

A concert for all you Rock lovers featuring music from Queen, Pink Floyd, Deep Purple, Guns & Roses and many more favourites. Performed by the band 'Symphonika' which is currently on tour in Italian theatres, this group brings a unique energy to these all-time classics.

You may like to book in advance:

2nd February at 9 p.m. Sleeping Beauty / La Bella Addormentata – Romanian Ballet

10th February at 8.30 p.m. The Adams Family – The Musical

24th February at 9 p.m. Neverland – The Musical

The ticket office for Teatro Nuovo is inside the actual theatre and is open on:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays from 11 a.m. – 1p.m. & 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Thursdays 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

As well as 1 hour before the show (you may be lucky and find last-minute seats)

Email: biglietteria@teatronuovoferrara.com

What's on at Teatro Comunale?

Corso Martiri della Libertà, 5

29th & 30th December at 8.30 p.m. Sleeping Beauty – Russian Ballet

1st January at 4.30 p.m. New Year's Day Concert – 'Orchestra a Plettro' Gino Neri

Plucked instruments Orchestra with music by Rossini, Calace, Strauss, Sostakovic, Verdi

Tickets cost €8 and €5 under 14s

5th & 6th January at 8.30 p.m. & 7th January at 4 p.m. Ginger e Fred - Prose

The story of how Pippo and Amelia, better known as Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire, were catapulted to fame overnight.

11th January at 8.30 p.m. 'Trio Pantoum' – Piano, Cello and Violin

Music by Beethoven & Shostakovich

29th January at 8.30 p.m. Piano concerto – Damil Trifonov

Music by Rameau, Mozart, Mendelssohn & Beethoven

Ticket office: Corso Martiri della Libertà, 5

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Ferrara's Museums & Monuments – Special Opening Times

The following places of interest are open on **1st January** at the following times:

Casa di Ludovico Ariosto (Via Ariosto, 67)

2 p.m. – 7 p.m. Free admission

Castello Estense

1st & 2nd January 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Museo del Cattedrale (Ex-chiesa di San Romano, Via San Romano)

2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Palazzo dei Diamanti

30th December, 5th & 6th January open until 11 p.m. (closed on 1st)

Palazzo Schifanoia (Via Scandiana, 23)

2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Book your visit in advance: www.comune.fe.it/prenotazionemusei

What's on in Comacchio?

Celebrating New Year's Eve in Comacchio

Sunday 31st December from 6 p.m.

Piazzetta Trepponti – Animation and DJ

8 p.m. – Gala dinner at the Manifattura dei Marinati

10 p.m. – DJ & dancing

12 a.m. Musical Fireworks

12.30 a.m. Fireworks display at Piazzetta Trepponti, with a cascade of fireworks
30 metres high

Music continues until 2 a.m.

A Guided Tour of Comacchio

Friday 5th January at 3.30 p.m.

Visit some of this fishing town's prettiest places with an expert guide, stopping off to admire its floating nativity scenes and learning about Comacchio's history and traditions.



Here Come the Befane!

Friday 5th January from 2.30 p.m.

Fun starts in Piazzetta Trepponti with a parade of the Befane (lots of them!) with the help of Minnie and Mickey Mouse.

At 4 p.m. the march of the witches starts followed by the 'Epiphany of Firemen'

At 4.30 p.m. A fireman will descend from the clock tower!

At 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to Village Comacchioland for a special snack.

Here Come the Befane!

Saturday 6th January from 2.30 p.m.

10.30 – Midday An Epiphany market at the 'Manufatturi dei Marinati'

At 3 p.m. In the historical city centre and Village Comacchioland – socks with sweets are distributed to all the children.

At 5 p.m. Hot drinks in Piazzetta Luca Danese

At 6 p.m. Befana meets the children. Music, dancing and a firework display.